GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2580
ANSWERED ON:07.03.2003
HARMFUL EFFECT ON JARAWAS
AMAR ROY PRADHAN

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that Society for Andaman and Nicobar Ecology(SANE) has alleged that the Andaman Trunk Road, a Mega Project meant to unite Islands, has harmed the Jarawas Tribes in social and cultural manner;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(c) the remedial steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to save those tribals from any harm in this area?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Matter is sub-judice in the Hon`ble High Court of Kolkata in a Publidnterest Litigation (PIL) filed by Ms. Shgamala Ganguly, Advocate, Port Blair vs. Union of India and Others.